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This will allow better planning and economies of scale for purchases and gifts as well as access to grants for large projects. All in all, it will be worth the wait to secure a long timeline of unimpeded building.

Third Virtual Auction Will Build A Real Dream House For Another Family

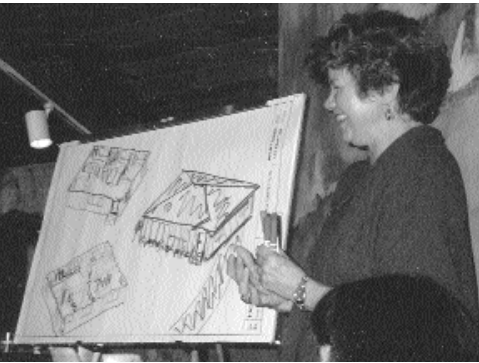


Photo: Tony Valentine

Pat Dunbar colors in a dream.

Mark your calendar for the 12th of November if you enjoy the frenzy of an auction with a twist. Habitat will once again auction to the highest bidder each part of its next home from nails and caulk to whole kitchens and lineal feet of roadway. The auction items are virtual to the winning bidders who do not get to take their fought-for treasures home, but very real to our families. Last year's bids raised half

the construction cost of the Escobedo's house. Pat Dunbar, the new President of Habitat, and "apprentice architect", colors in the sold parts of a blueprint as Kelly Peterson mixes humor, song and arm twisting to extract top dollar for each item. Bidders will go home with a fabulous dinner provided by Tony and Lisa Geer at The Ledford House, a tax deduction for their "purchases" and a glow of satisfaction for a fun filled evening.

Come and bring a friend or make up your own table of 6. For information call Olivia Hasty at 937-5943.

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THERE'S MUCH MORE TO HOUSING THAN A HOME



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Tom Yates of KOZT calls for "Action!"

Habitat For Humanity Of The Mendocino Coast kicked off its 10th year and its Strategic Plan process by convening a County-wide Forum on Affordable Housing attended by 45 stakeholders in the field. Here and all over California, General Plan Housing Elements are being drafted to promote "Affordability", and in all these jurisdictions, market and governmental constraints work against their fulfillment.

A crucial focus of the Forum, facilitated by Claire Ellis of Little River, was the domino effect of housing costs which manifests in seemingly unrelated issues. Businesses and local governments find it hard to hire or retain employees and staff when housing costs exceed wages. As struggling families give up and move, the school system's per capita funding drops, jeopardizing programs and hiring. When low and moderate income families cannot find housing or are forced to spend up to 50% of their income on housing, community diversity and quality of life suffer, increasing homelessness and stress on families and children at risk.

For the first time, local stakeholders, many with conflicting agendas and concerns, were able to gather face to face and engage each other constructively in solutions and new possibilities based on the realization that we have more in common than divides us. It is a new beginning. If you want a copy of the Forum Report or to join the ongoing work, please call Chuck Greenberg at 937-2418.

ART FOR YOUR WALLS HELP TO BUILD OURS

The second "Artists for Habitat" show which opened March 2nd at Gallery One in Mendocino was more successful than ever. Bill Zimmer hung the show, featuring 22 local artists, with style and grace in the gallery provided to Habitat by owners, Bill and Sandra MacIver. Live music, wine and hors d'oeuvres provided a festive atmosphere for enjoying the wonderful works of art. Habitat Board members staffed the show with the artists and received the "gallery share" of \$2300 from sales and the silent auction.

The show was organized by the group known informally as "The Usual Suspects": J.D. Mayhew, Doug Desmond, Karen Bowers, Sunshine Taylor,



Photo: Tony Valentine

JD Mahew turns paint into walls for "Artists For Habitat" benefit.

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Maralee Greene, and Naida Schorg. Mayhew commented, "This is such a good cause; everyone is happy to participate. We are delighted to have such a fine group in the show." Artists whose work was shown include these six, plus Dale Moyer, Pamela Palmer, Sev Ickes, Bob Rhoades, Thomas Rude, Steve Magill, Jim Bertram, Cathy Greene, Hilda Perth, David Cross, Gail Rushmore, Bill Martin, Gail Lucas, Lynne Prentice, and Llja Tinfo.

It is a special gift to Habitat that these artists use the beauty of the visions they create to make a family's dream come true.



Photo: Tony Valentine

Treasurer Paul Kemp accepts check from King (l) & Sievers (rt)



Photo Tony Valentine

REGIONAL MEXICAN MENU PACKS IN THE CROWD

Once again the Habitat families wield spoons and forks to build another home. Over 600 people came over for dinner, raising close to \$6,000 towards the Fraser home. This year featured foods from different regions to give a special twist to this eagerly awaited event. Hundreds packed the tent outside and lined up for seconds. Next year's plans include new a date, (May 4, 2001), and location, (Portugese Hall), to further improve this wonderful event. Thanks to Chair Gloria Renteria and the all of the Habitat families for another wonderful gourmet tour of

BAY AREA DONORS BUILD LOCAL HOMES BY EATING CHINESE

Once again Fanny King and Jim Sievers, owners of the Mandarin Gourmet restaurant in Cupertino, provided fine food and funding for their favorite Habitat Affiliate. They invited a few of our friends to dine with dozens of theirs at \$100 a person and turned the full amount plus bar and any additional donations and pledges over to us raising over \$70,000 in the past 2 years for our affiliate. So much goodwill and good work from people who know the work is right although

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